



2021  
 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
*Rutherford*

**WINEMAKER-** *Kristy Melton*

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Sourced from Bosché, Sycamore, and Red Barn Ranch, this wine displays all the classic notes of the Rutherford appellation. The aromas open in the glass with notes of blueberry, creme de cassis, leather, cedar, and milk chocolate. The palate is creamy yet structured with flavors of cocoa powder, blackberry, black cherry, peppercorn, and a hint of umami. The tannins display the Rutherford dust character; structured, dusty and well integrated, making this wine lovely now with the ability to cellar well for decades.

**GROWING SEASON NOTES**

Vintage 2021 is a story of small but mighty. Drought conditions were prevalent in winter and spring. Temperatures were moderate during spring but began to warm significantly during summer. Flowering led to lighter than usual fruit set with low vine vigor. Warm conditions during ripening led to beautiful fruit flavors and intense color. Harvest started in mid-August with Sauvignon Blanc and carried on at a steady pace through September and October with red varieties. While low in volume, the wines are aromatic, lively and well structured and we can't wait to share them with you.

**WINE STATISTICS**

COMPOSITION	88% Cabernet Sauvignon; 9% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc
HARVEST DATES	Harvest started on 8/30 and ended on 9/24/2019 for all components.
BARREL AGING	25 months in French oak, 64% new
ALCOHOL	14.8%
PH	3.65
BOTTLING DATE	January 25, 2024

VINEYARD	Bosché	Sycamore	Red Barn
APPELLATION	Rutherford	Rutherford	Rutherford
ELEVATION	180'	200'	165'
SOIL	Bale Clay Loam	Bale Clay Loam	Pleasanton Loam
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cab Sauv, Petit Verdot & Cab Franc	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	51%	40%	9%

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96 points | *The Wine Independent*, Lisa Perotti-Brown, April 2024